EO

The Jumpstart on an Elite Career

High tech, complex cutting edge systems and computers.

Equipment Operators (EO) operate heavy transportation and construction equipment including, trucks, bull-dozers, backhoes, graders, forklifts, cranes and asphalt equipment.

This is a 5 year enlistment program.

What they do

The duties performed by EOs include:

- Operating a wide variety of heavy-duty, self-propelled construction equipment for projects including, building construction, roadway construction, pier construction, grading and excavation
- Performing minor maintenance on equipment to ensure safe, efficient operation
- Serving as members of a crane crew to rig cable as semblies and change attachments for various lifting and pile-driving operations
- · Preparing operational reports on equipment
- · Operate rock crushing and well-drilling equipment
- Perform as blasters for construction projects
- Reading and interpreting blueprints and preparing sketches for projects
- Making estimates of material, labor, and equipment requirements

Credit Recommendations

The American Council on Education recommends the following semester hour credits in the associate and vocational degree programs, 8 semester hours in heavy construction equipment operations, 3 semester hours in construction equipment maintenance, and 1 semester hour in construction sitework. An AA in Construction Technology can be earned from Coastline Community College.

Oualifications and Interests

Important qualifications are, a competence with tools, equipment and machines; manual dexterity; and the ability to do repetitive tasks. A knowledge of algebra and good arithmetic, writing and speaking skills, along with a good memory, resourcefulness and curiosity, are helpful. EOs should also be able to keep records, do detailed work and perform well as part of a team. Normal color perception with stereoscopic vision, good physical condition, and normal hearing are required. Must possess a valid driver's license.

Working Environment

EOs may work in a variety of conditions, independently or as members of a large team. Their many different duties may be performed in climates ranging from tropical to arctic.



Opportunities

Opportunities to enter the EO rating are excellent for qualified applicants. About 1,460 men and women work as Equipment Operators in the Navy.

Related Civilian Jobs - Dept. of Defense table of Occupational Titles

Asphalt Paving Machine Operator

Asphalt Paving Supervisor

Blaster

Bulldozer Operator

Concrete Batch Plant Supervisor

Concrete Paving Machine Operator

Construction Inspector

Crane Operator

Crusher Operator

Diver

Driver Supervisor

Estimator

Grading Supervisor

Heavy Truck Driver

Industrial Truck Operator

Light Truck Driver

Rigger

Safety Inspector

Tow Truck Operator

Tractor Trailer Truck Driver

Well Drill Operator







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Career Path After Recruit Training

Enlistees are taught the fundamentals of this rating through formal Navy schooling. Advanced technical and operational training in these ratings are available during later stages of career development.

Class "A" Technical School NCTC Fort Leonard Wood, MO Approximately 13 Weeks Basic construction skills and theories required in the EO rating and basic combat skills. Group and individual instruction.	School	Present Location	Approximate Training Time	Subjects	Training Methods
	Technical	Fort Leonard		theories required in the EO rating	individual

Following completion of basic technical training, graduates can expect assignments to a Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) in Port Hueneme, CA or Gulfport, MS, or to an Amphibious Construction Battalion (ACB) in San Diego, CA or Little Creek, VA. NMCB's operate on a rotating basis between homeport and overseas locations such as Spain, Okinawa, Puerto Rico or Guam. Seabees receive additional specialized combat and construction skills training during home port duty. Seabees construct buildings, roadways, utility systems and other shore facilities to support the Navy and Marine Corps operational and expeditionary forces worldwide.

All personnel now receive sea pay at sea (E-1 to E-9)

Since Navy programs and courses are revised at times, the information contained on this rating card is subject to change.





